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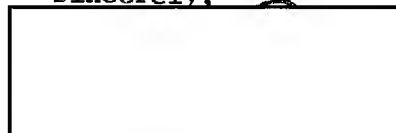
Lieutenant General Vernon Walters
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Virginia

Dear Dick:

It has been a distinct honor to have been associated with you the past several years. You have made great contributions to the fields of intelligence and foreign relations and the greatest of these during your tour as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. Your courageous actions demonstrated almost unique integrity during the Watergate affair and gave many of us extra pride in being military officers and intelligence officers. For myself, personally, and for the National Security Agency, your service has been extraordinary and our nation's intelligence capabilities are better by far due to your objective and competent performance. It sometimes seems to be a thankless career field but be assured that very many of us understand and are grateful to you.

Barbara joins me in wishing you the greatest happiness and success in your new endeavors. Please do us the favor of keeping in touch, professionally and personally.

Sincerely,



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